

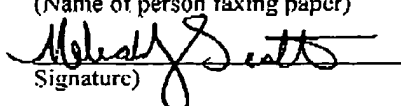
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For: IMPROVED PENTANE-BLOWN FOAMS

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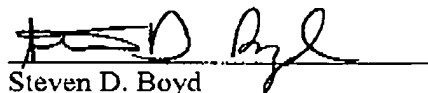
Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2004 setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on January 13, 2005. Applicants submit the following.

Restriction under 35 USC 121 was required to Group I, Claims 1-2 drawn to a method for improving foams, Group II, Claims 3-8 drawn to blowing agent, Group III, Claim 9 drawn to polyurethane foam or Group IV, Claim 10 drawn to polyol premix. Applicants hereby elect group II claims 3-8 drawn to a method for improving foams.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice to applicant's rights to continue prosecution of groups I, III and IV in a properly filled continuing application(s).

Respectfully submitted,

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